

**SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES TO
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“OFFICERS’ UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCE”**

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CHAPTER 30

OFFICERS' UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCE★3001 ENTITLEMENT

300101. Officers may become entitled to an Initial Uniform Allowance and/or an Additional Active Duty Uniform Allowance as reimbursement for the purchase of required uniforms and equipment as prescribed by this chapter.

300102. Effective December 6, 2000, both the Initial and the Additional Uniform Allowances were increased. However, there was no corresponding increase to the value of the amount that restricts concurrent payment of both allowances. The restriction on paying the Additional Active Duty Uniform Allowance in subparagraph 300302.A., below, remains in effect and, at present allowance levels, effectively precludes the payment of the Initial and Additional Uniform Allowances concurrently.

★3002 INITIAL UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

Officers of the Armed Forces of the United States are entitled to an initial uniform allowance as provided in this section.

300201. When Payable. Except as provided in the note, below, the initial uniform allowance is payable only once to an officer:

★ A. Upon first reporting for active duty (other than for training) for a period of more than 90 days. (A member entering active duty as an officer in a Regular Component upon Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) graduation after October 12, 1964, is considered to have entered on active duty for more than 90 days).

B. Upon completing at least 14 days of active duty or active duty for training as a member of a Reserve Component.

★ C. Upon completing 14 periods of inactive-duty training as a member of the Ready Reserve. (Each period must be of at least 2 hours duration).

D. Upon reporting for the first period of active duty required of a member of the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program.

NOTE: Upon transfer to another Reserve Component that requires a different uniform, a Reserve officer may receive another initial uniform allowance. Regular officers may not receive this allowance when transferring to another Military Service.

★ 300202. Amount Payable. All officer personnel commissioned or appointed in the Regular or Reserve Components of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps are authorized \$400 regardless of source of commission or previous enlisted status.

300203. Restrictions

A. If a member has received an initial uniform allowance in any amount as an officer under conditions other than those listed in subparagraphs 300201.A, B, C or D, above, the member cannot again be entitled to the initial uniform allowance.

B. Only periods of duty that require wearing of the uniform are counted for entitlement to the initial uniform allowance.

C. An officer must be determined physically qualified for active duty before entitlement to an initial uniform allowance accrues.

★3003 ADDITIONAL ACTIVE DUTY UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

Officers of Reserve Components, officers of the Army or Air Force of the United States, without component, and ROTC graduates appointed in the Regular Components are entitled to an additional active duty uniform allowance as provided in this section.

300301. When Payable

A. This allowance is payable each time of entry or reentry on active duty, or active duty for training (including authorized travel time) for more than 90 days. The period served may be under orders specifying active duty for more than 90 days, or under two or more orders requiring a continuous period of more than 90 days' active duty.

B. An officer commissioned in a Regular Component upon ROTC graduation after October 12, 1964, accrues entitlement to the allowance on commencement of duty as a regular officer. (The officer is considered then to have entered on active duty for more than 90 days.)

★ 300302. Amount Payable. The additional active duty uniform allowance is payable to qualified officers in the amount of \$200.

300303. Restrictions

A. This allowance is not payable if the officer has received an initial uniform allowance of more than \$200 during the current tour of active duty, or within a period of 2 years before entering on that tour.

B. This allowance is not payable when the tour of duty for which payment is being considered began within 2 years after the end of a previous period of active duty, or active duty for training, of more than 90 days. This applies whether or not a uniform allowance was paid for the previous tour of duty. It applies only if the prior service was performed as a Reserve officer, as an officer of the Army or Air Force of the United States without component, or as a Regular officer commissioned upon ROTC graduation after October 12, 1964.

C. An officer of a Reserve Component or of the Army or Air Force of the United States without component is not due this allowance solely because of appointment therein or transfer thereto.

D. A Reserve officer ordered to an indefinite tour of active duty, or active duty for training, is not entitled to this allowance until the member completes more than 90 days of that tour.

★ E. Only periods of duty requiring the wearing of the uniform are counted for entitlement to the allowance prescribed in this paragraph.

F. To be entitled under this paragraph, an officer must be determined physically qualified for active duty.

★ 300304. Computation of 2-Year Period. Compute the 2-year period during which no active duty or active duty for training was performed as follows:

A. When an officer is ordered to active duty, or active duty for training, for a period of more than 90 days, the 2-year period begins on the day following the day of release from active duty or active duty for training.

Example 1: A Reserve officer was ordered to active duty for training under orders specifying a 92-day tour of duty to begin March 1, 1995, and to end May 31, 1995. The officer actually was released from active duty for training May 31, 1995. The 2-year period began on June 1, 1995. Entitlement to the next additional active duty uniform allowance accrues if the officer is called to active duty or active duty for training for a period of more than 90 days on or after June 1, 1997.

Example 2: If the officer in Example 1 served 35 days of a tour of active duty under orders specifying duty of more than 90 days, and was released from active duty for training April 4, 1995, the 2-year period started April 5, 1995. Entitlement to the next additional active duty uniform allowance accrues if the officer is called to active duty or active duty for training, for a period of more than 90 days on or after April 5, 1997. Refund of allowance, or any portion thereof, is not required since entitlement was based on reporting for active duty for a period of more than 90 days.

Example 3: If the officer in Example 1 actually served 120 days in the tour of active duty for training because the orders were extended, and was released from active duty June 28, 1995, the 2-year period started June 29, 1995. Entitlement to the next additional active duty uniform allowance accrues if this officer is called to active duty, or active duty for training, on or after June 29, 1997, for a period in excess of 90 days.

B. When an officer is ordered to active duty for training for an indefinite period, and serves more than 90 days, the 2-year period begins on the day following the day of release from active duty.

Example 1: A Reserve officer was ordered to active duty for training for an indefinite period to begin March 1, 1995. The officer was released from active duty July 1, 1995. On the 91st day of duty (May 30, 1995), the officer was entitled to the allowance as of the first day of duty (March 1, 1995), if other conditions of entitlement were met. The 2-year period starts July 2, 1995. Entitlement to the next additional active duty uniform allowance accrues if the officer is called to active duty or active duty for training, for a period of more than 90 days on or after July 2, 1997.

Example 2: If the Reserve officer in Example 1, this subparagraph, was released from active duty on April 4, 1995, after serving only 35 days, he or she would not be entitled to the additional active duty uniform allowance for that period of active duty for training.

C. When an officer is separated from a Regular Component, and is later appointed an officer in a Reserve Component and ordered to active duty, or active duty for training for more than 90 days, the 2-year period restriction in subparagraph 300302.B, above, does not apply. Exception: Regular officers appointed upon completion of ROTC training after October 12, 1994, are subject to the 2-year restriction.

Example 1: An officer was separated from a Regular Component on June 30, 1995 and was appointed an officer in a Reserve Component on July 1, 1995. The member reported for active duty for more than 90 days on May 1, 1997. The member was entitled to the additional active duty uniform allowance when reporting on the present tour of active duty, since the previous tour was as a Regular officer.

3004 DETERMINATIONS

★ 300401. An officer reporting for active duty for the first, time who meets the requirements for entitlement to the initial uniform allowance and the additional active duty uniform allowance, is entitled to receive both allowances subject to the restrictions of paragraphs 300203 and 300303.

300402. An officer who receives, or has previously received, an initial uniform allowance as an officer under any conditions other than those listed in subparagraphs 300201.A, B, C or D, above, is not eligible to receive the initial uniform allowance upon transfer to or appointment in a Reserve Component or the Army or Air Force of the United States without component.

★ 300403. A Reserve officer who receives, or has previously received, an initial uniform allowance under the conditions listed in subparagraphs 300201.A, B, C, or D, above, and again qualifies for the initial uniform allowance and/or the additional active duty uniform allowance by meeting the basic requirements of this chapter, is eligible to receive the initial and/or the additional allowance upon transfer to, or appointment in, another Reserve Component or the Army or Air Force of the United States, without component, if the wearing of a different uniform is required.

300404. If otherwise eligible, a Reserve officer is entitled to be paid the additional active duty uniform allowance even if the member has not received an initial uniform allowance.

3005 CIVILIAN CLOTHING MONETARY ALLOWANCE

300501. Officers assigned to a permanent duty station outside the United States, who are required to wear civilian clothing all or a substantial portion of the time in the performance of official duty, may be authorized an allowance for civilian clothing.

300502. Entitlement criteria and allowance rates for civilian clothing allowances are specified in Chapter 29, paragraph 290403 of this volume.

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3001—Entitlement

★	300101	37 U.S.C. 415-417 ASD(FMP) Memo, December 6, 2000
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3002—Initial Uniform Allowance

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3003—Additional Active Duty Uniform Allowance

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3004—Determinations

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3005—Civilian Clothing Monetary Allowance

37 U.S.C. 419 Public Law 100-180, December 4, 1987 OASD(FM&P) (MM&PP)(C) Memo, February 1, 1988
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